

The Charter Review Commission of the City of Seabrook met on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Seabrook City Hall, 1700 First Street, Seabrook, Texas to discuss, consider and if appropriate, take action on the items listed below.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

JOHN CHISLER – Ex. Abs.	CHAIR
BRUCE DRESNER	MEMBER
MARCY FRYDAY	MEMBER
ROB HEFNER	VICE CHAIR
NANCY JONES	MEMBER
TERRY MOORE	MEMBER
RICHARD TOMLINSON	MEMBER
GAYLE COOK	CITY MANAGER
SEAN LANDIS	DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
STEVE WEATHERED	CITY ATTORNEY
ROBIN HICKS	CITY SECRETARY

Vice Chair, Rob Hefner, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - none

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on any additional review of previously examined Articles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and IX as necessary.

The Commission had a brief discussion on the various items that the Commission chose to table or set aside until other actions were taken, as follows:

Article IV, Section 4.04 – Commission wanted to look at this section when they discussed Article VI (PZ and BOA). Sean Landis, Deputy City Manager, explained that there was no further need to look at Section 4.04, as the BOA terms are set by state statute; therefore, no need for amendments to Section 4.04.

Article V – Commission approved as written, with no amendments, but also made a motion to take another look at this Article after the current Legislative Session. Because the State Legislative Session will end on May 27, the Commission will take a look at Article V again at a Charter Review Commission meeting after that date.

Article VI, Section 6.01 – Commission tabled this review until Article XI is reviewed and discussed. The Commission will take a look at Section 6.01 when they discuss Article XI.

Article VI, Section 6.06 – Commission voted to strike Section 6.06 from Article VI, but the motion gave the flexibility to revisit this Section and decide if it needs to be placed in another Article in the Charter. The Commission will take a look at Section 6.06 after they have reviewed all Articles of the Charter.

Motion was made by Member Fryday and seconded by Member Jones

To approve the above listed actions.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Consider and take all appropriate action on the May 7, 2019 Charter Review Commission minutes.

Motion was made by Member Fryday and seconded by Member Moore

To approve the May 7, 2019 Charter Review Commission minutes, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3.2 Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article VII, "Nominations and Elections". City Secretary, Robin Hicks, may participate in the discussion on Article VII to share information with the Charter Review Commission on historical perspective, best practices, and suggested amendments, if any.

Commission members reviewed, discussed, and took action as follows:

Section 7.01(a) – Because the State Legislature has filed a bill in the last three (3) legislative sessions to remove the May uniform election date and have all entities hold elections in November, Robin Hicks, City Secretary, suggested that the specific date be removed from Section 7.01(a), so that if the Legislature should ever change the Election Code to reflect only one (1) uniform election date, the Seabrook City Charter will be in compliance with that legislative change. The Commission discussed and the following amendment was made:

Regular Elections: The general city elections will be held annually ~~on the second Saturday in May, unless otherwise allowed~~ **as provided** by state law. The Council shall fix the place for holding such an election.

Motion was made by Member Dresner and seconded by Member Fryday

To approve the above listed amendment to Section 7.01(a).

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Section 7.01 (b) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.01 (c) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.01 (d) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.01 (e) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.02 (a) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.02 (b) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.02 (c) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.03 (a) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.03 (b) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.03 (c) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.04 (a) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.04 (b) - no discussion and no amendments

Section 7.05 - no discussion and no amendments

3.3 Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article VIII, "Initiative, Referendum and Recall". City Secretary, Robin Hicks, may participate in the discussion on Article VIII to share information with the Charter Review Commission on historical perspective, best practices, and suggested amendments, if any.

After a thorough discussion on typical number of voters at Seabrook elections; the process and procedures for filing a petition and validating a petition; if a committee of petitioners is different from a petition circulator; the form of the petition; the allowances for amending a petition and the definition of nonbinding elections and when they might be needed,

Motion was made by Member Fryday and seconded by Member Moore

To approve Article VIII as written with no amendments.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

3.4 Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article X, "Franchises and Public Utilities". City Manager, Gayle Cook, Director of Finance, Michael Gibbs, and Director of Public Works, Kevin Padgett, may participate in the discussion on Article X to share information with the Charter Review Commission on historical perspective, best practices, and suggested amendments, if any.

No discussion was able to be held on Article X before the end of the meeting, and this item will be moved to the next Charter Review Commission agenda.

134 **3.5** Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article XI,
135 "General Provisions".
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137 No discussion was able to be held on Article XI before the end of the meeting, and
138 this item will be moved to the next Charter Review Commission agenda.
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140 **3.6** Review, discuss, and if appropriate, take action on Seabrook City Charter, Article XII,
141 "Transitional Provisions".
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143 No discussion was able to be held on Article XII before the end of the meeting, and
144 this item will be moved to the next Charter Review Commission agenda.
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146 **4. ROUTINE BUSINESS**
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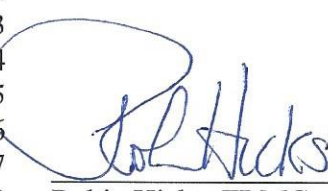
148 **4.1** Establish future meeting dates and agenda items.
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150 The next Charter Review Commission meeting will be held on June 4, 2019.
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152 All business having been completed, Vice Chair Hefner adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
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154 Approved this 4th day of June, 2019.
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Rob Hefner
Vice Chair


Robin Hicks, TRMC
City Secretary

